

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: Use of a Single or Multiple Ring Strategically Placed in a Hose
Coupling to Reinforce Material Against Collapse

Request for One Month Extension

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

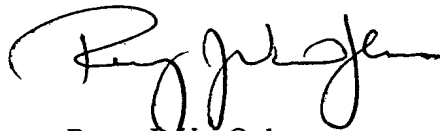
Sir:

The undersigned attorney respectfully requests a one month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action of October 5, 2000. If granted, a response will be due on February 5, 2001.

A check in the amount of the requisite fee, \$110.00, is enclosed, as well as a duplicate copy of this request and a self-addressed return envelope to facilitate the prompt reply to this request, and a favorable decision is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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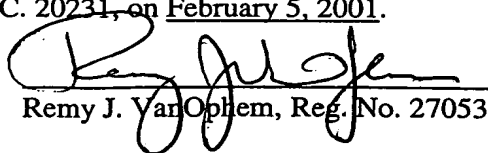
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